HOUSE BILL No. 1143

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-32-2-4.5.

Synopsis: Prosecuting attorney jurisdiction over state matters. Requires the prosecution of cases involving misuse of state funds to be tried in a county with presumptive venue. Creates an exception if the prosecuting attorney in a county with presumptive venue declines to file charges.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.





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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in this style type. Also, the word NEW will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 35-32-2-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3	1, 2003]: Sec. 4.5. (a) As used in this section, "presumptive venue"
4	means a county in which a person (as defined in IC 4-4-10.9-22) or
5	eligible recipient (as defined in IC 4-30-17-2):
6	(1) expends state funds; or
7	(2) establishes a deposit account that receives state funds.
8	(b) As used in this section, "state funds" means funds that are
9	(1) deposited in; or
10	(2) disbursed from;
11	a fund administered by the treasurer of state.
12	(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person who commits
13	(1) an offense involving improper use;
14	(2) conversion; or
15	(3) theft;
16	of state funds shall be tried in a county that has presumptive venue
17	(d) A person may be tried for an offense described in subsection









1	(c) in a county that does not have presumptive venue if:
2	(1) venue can be established as otherwise required by this
3	chapter; and
4	(2) the prosecuting attorney for each county with presumptive
5	venue declines to file an information or indictment.
6	A declination under subdivision (2) must be in writing and signed
7	by the presecuting attorney

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